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FOR BUFFUM FROM MOREY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, OCON, UNESCO

SUBJECT: M'BOW TO WORK FOR DELETION OF SANCTION FROM ARAB-
MOSLEM RESOLUTION ON JERUSALEM

1. M'BOW, NEXT DIRECTOR GENERAL OF UNESCO, MET SUNDAY
WITH MOREY, DELEGATION CHAIRMAN UPTON, JONES,
GALANTO AND DELOFF FOR AN HOUR AND A HALF ON SUBJECT
ISSUE. IN ADDITION TO EXPRESSING COMPLETE UNDER-
STANDING OF US CONCERN OVER JERUSALEM ISSUE, M'BOW
PERSONALLY COMMITTED HIMSELF TO ENLISTING KEY AFRICANS
TO TRY AND ACHIEVE NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS OF ARAB
TEXT; MOST PARTICULARLY DELETION OF PROPOSED SANCTIONS
IN FINAL PARA OF DRAFT RESOLUTION.

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2. IN DETAILED AND FORTHCOMING CONSIDERATION OF ISSUE

M'BOW EXPRESSED FOLLOWING MAIN POINTS:

- A) FIRST FOCUS SHOULD BE ON DELETION OF SANCTION PARAGRAPH. OTHER PARAS IMPLICITLY REFERRING TO BASIS FOR SAME SANCTION AGAINST PORTUGAL, I.E. "DECISIONS OF 14TH GENERAL CONFERENCE", AND LANGUAGE HARSHLY CONDEMNATORY OF ISRAEL SHOULD ALSO BE MODIFIED TO EXTENT POSSIBLE.
- B) TACTICS SHOULD INCLUDE SOLICITING SUPPORT OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS HERE AND IN RESPECTIVE CAPITALS FOR THIRD WORLD MODERATES EFFORTS (MEXICAN AMBASSADOR TO UNESCO AND ETHIOPIAN PERMREP) WHICH ALREADY UNDERWAY, IN CONSULTATION WITH PERMREP, TO INTRODUCE NEW PARA TO REPLACE PARA PROPOSING SANCTION. M'BOW SPECIFICALLY CITED INDONESIA AND MALAYSIA (WHICH CO-SPONSORED RESOLUTION) AS WELL THAILAND AND PHILIPPINES.
- C) INTENSIVE LOBBYING ON INDIVIDUAL AND CONFIDENTIAL BASIS WITH MORE MODERATE ARABS (LEBANON, SAUDI ARABIA AND TUNISIA, AS WELL EGYPTIANS THROUGH CAIRO), TO BACK AWAY FROM SEEKING CONCRETE SANCTION.
- D) PARTICULAR EMPHASIS TO ALL NATIONS CONTACTED UPON FAR-REACHING IMPLICATIONS OF SANCTION PROPOSED WITHHOLDING OF UNESCO PROGRAM ASSISTANCE UNTIL GOI COMPLIES WITH PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR HALT TO EXCAVATIONS; IMPLICATIONS WHICH M'BOW PERSONALLY CONVINCED SEVERAL CO-SPONSORS THEMSELVES DID NOT CONSIDER. NAMELY THAT CESSATION UNESCO PROGRAM IN ISRAEL WOULD PROVOKE GOI RESPONSE POSSIBLY ENDING UNESCO PRESENCE IN JERUSALEM AND VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

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FOR ARABS IN ISRAELI-HELD TERRITORIES.
E) IN ADDITION EFFORTS M'BOW WILL UNDERTAKE AMONG
FRANCOPHONE AND ANGLOPHONE BLACK AFRICANS, THROUGH
DAHOMEYAN AMBASSADOR TO UNESCO AND ALSO THE UPPER
VOLTAN HEAD OF UNESCO AFRICAN RELATIONS DIVISION,
US IS TO CONTINUE EFFORTS AMONG ANGLOPHONES: PARTICULAR-
LY KENYA, NIGERIA AND GHANA.
F) M'BOW FURTHER STATED THAT ISRAELIS, AT LEAST AS
REPRESENTED BY LOCAL DIPLOMATS AT UNESCO, HAVE GIVEN
IMPRESSION OF "WITHDRAWING INTO THEMSELVES" IN
CONTRAST TO POTENTIALLY HELPFUL AND, INDEED, INDIS-
PENSABLE EFFORTS TO LOBBY ACTIVELY AMONG OTHER
COUNTRIES AND INDICATE THEY SENSITIVE TO CONCERNS OF
OTHER MEMBER STATES.

3. COMMENT:

ABOVE SUMMARIZES PRINCIPAL POINTS MADE BY M'BOW IN
REMARKS THAT CONVINCINGLY DEMONSTRATED M'BOW ALERT TO
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DAMAGE OF ARAB TEXT AND ESPECIALLY HIS WILLINGNESS TO
DO EVERYTHING WITHIN HIS POWER TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM.
M'BOW CONSULTATION WAS MOST PRODUCTIVE OF MOREY
MEETINGS AND M'BOW'S THINKING CLOSELY PARALLELS OURS.

4. MOREY WRAP-UP ASSESSMENT OF THIS AND OTHER PARIS
CONSULTATIONS FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.

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